

Washington, DC - Today, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-39) hailed the Supreme Court's ruling on affirmative action as a positive step towards a more diverse and integrated society. The high court ruled that race can be used as one factor in determining admission to colleges and universities, and it recommended that the University of Michigan Law school policy be used as blueprint.

"This is great news for all Americans. By reaffirming our country's commitment to diversity, the Supreme Court's decision will give students of all backgrounds an opportunity to attend higher institutions of learning. As a product of affirmative action, I am a clear example of what can be achieved. It is important to remember we are giving students a chance to succeed, but it is up to each individual to make the most of their experience," said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.

"Today's ruling seeks to achieve a 'critical mass' of diverse students, who otherwise wouldn't be represented. With this approach, universities, corporate firms, and government institutions are encouraged to strengthen and expand their minority outreach programs. The ruling reaffirms that it is in our interest to seek a diverse student body and to give students who lack the resources to go to college an opportunity," concluded Sánchez.